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SOURCE

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1. On 25 April 1953, there was little activity at Schoenwalde Fliegerhorst. The installation was still guarded by sentries with red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks, which came from the direction of Foersterei Ziegenkrug, were seen moving along Alte Hamburger Post Strasse, which branches off from the Boetzow-Wansdorf road toward a northwesterly direction. The trucks proceeded toward Boetzow. The Alte Hamburger Post Strasse showed numerous fresh imprints of motor vehicle tracks which made a turn toward Marwitz about 200 meters southeast of Foersterei Ziegenkrug. A sentry wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying a submachine gun stood at the road fork, north of which the noise of motors and voices was heard. At night, only a few windows of buildings Nos 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Fliegerhorst were lighted, while all windows of the houses formerly used as quarters for officer dependents were lighted. Source expressed the belief that the unit engaged in a field exercise in the area of Foersterei Ziegenkrug. ¹
2. On 25 April, source learned at the construction headquarters of the special construction bureau Oranienburg, that construction work for the Soviet-occupied section of the Sachsenhausen concentration camp was no longer handled by the special construction bureau but by the construction headquarters of the Volkspolizei. ²
3. On 30 April, the barracks installations in Perleberg were occupied only by guard details. A fellow-worker of source stated that about 20,000 troops occupied Camp Dranse. ³
4. On 29 April, at about 2:30 p.m., a train with 8 unnumbered tanks, presumably of type JS, 5 trucks and 4 boxcars passed through the Rathenow railroad station. ⁴ On 1 May, the Kraftfahrer Kaserne in Rathenow was still occupied to capacity. ⁵

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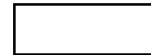
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1. Comment. Another source previously reported that units of the 31st AAA Div practiced near Paaren, 8 km east of Nauen, on 12 April. It is possible that the exercises in this area and farther to the east were continued until 25 April. The buildings mentioned are quarters of the aforementioned division which are entered on a sketch forwarded previously.

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- 25X1 2. Comment. The information tends to indicate that, ^{with} the departure from 17 to 19 April for Templin of units of the 25th Tank Div from the Sachsenhausen concentration camp, the division ^{out} ~~vacated~~ ^{completely} the installation and turned it over to the KVP. 25X1
- 25X1 3. Comment. Compare with similar information by another source reporting on 27 April.
- 25X1 4. Comment. Possibly, a shipment of the 10th Gds Tank Div which went to Letzling Heath behind schedule.
- 25X1 5. Comment. The information tends to indicate that the units of the 25th RI Brig were at their quarters until 1 May. 25X1

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